

LIFE OF SCHNEIDERS ONE DARK MYSTERY

Little Known About Man Slain
and the Woman Charged
With Crime.

TWO HUSBANDS DIE IN HOME

Now Looked Upon as Uncanny
Spot, Whose Walls Hold
Hidden Secrets.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SOUTH HILL, VA., November 30.—The circumstances surrounding the Schneider tragedy, which was reported in the Tuesday's Times-Dispatch, grow more complicated, the life of the woman arrested for the murder of Schneider being veiled almost impenetrably by foreign birth, her limited association with people here and her position to talk little about her past affairs.

From what little is known of her here, she is a native of Prussia, and has been married three times, having lived with the first husband fourteen years, the second nine, and the third, for whose murder she was arrested on Sunday, November 24th, about three years. She claims a grown son, who is living in Europe, and with whom she has been in communication recently.

She came to Virginia about six years ago, accompanied at that time by a man who she claims as her second husband, giving his name as Krossnik, but who, it appears, was really of a different name, adopting this as an easier pronunciation of his more difficult Prussian title. Two children came with the couple at this time—a girl and a boy—both living in the Krossnik home on account of Mrs. Krossnik's cruelty to them. Mrs. Krossnik was fined by the magistrate here for this offense.

Husband Died Suddenly.
A few years after settling here Krossnik died very suddenly, and Mrs. Krossnik a few months afterwards went to Chicago.

On her return about three years ago she claimed that the man Schneider was her third husband, with whom she had been living until last Saturday night, when she reported that Schneider had shot himself.

The house in which these two men both met their most mysterious deaths, stands to the left, and in sight of the main road from South Hill to Forkville, and is only a short distance from the fork going to Union Hill. It is a plain two-story structure, weather-boarded and unpainted, rather a lonely place, notwithstanding the fact of its proximity to the road, and since the shooting of Schneider, looked upon by the passersby as rather an uncanny spot, whose walls hold secrets which may never come from their hidden depths in response to the demands of human efforts or cross-examinations.

Not His Real Name.

Your correspondent found that the man who was the last victim of this ill-fated home was thought to have been also bearing an assumed name; that he was probably a Pole, and his real name was Dolefsky. This man was employed as a farm hand by Krossnik, the second husband of the woman arrested as Mrs. Schneider. Trouble, it seems, arose in the Krossnik household with this employe, and it

SCENE OF THE SCHNEIDER MURDER



THE SCHNEIDER HOME.

is whispered that this man was suspected as knowing more about Krossnik's sudden death than he cared to divulge.

If the man called Schneider was murdered the shot was fired from all appearances while he was asleep, and a fact which strongly sustains the murder theory is a small stain of blood on the spot where another person would most naturally have been lying if there were two persons in the bed at the time.

Gun in the Bed.
The gun from whose muzzle went forth death was said by a Mr. Wegmann, to whom Mrs. Schneider first reported the affair, to have been on the bed when he arrived, which is in conflict with the suicide theory advanced by Mrs. Schneider that the gun was on the floor when she found it. Who took the empty shell from the gun is also still a mystery, as there are two varying statements concerning this made by Mrs. Schneider. At one time she said that she had taken the empty shell out, but later denied that she did take it out.

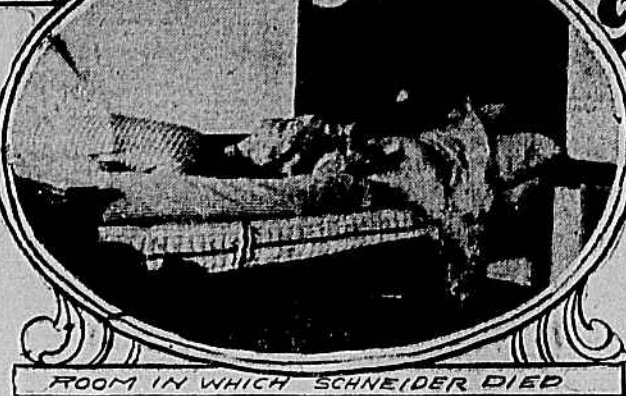
Whatever may be the real facts in the case, which is now shrouded in unfathomable shades of unanswered mystery in which there are too uncountable deaths, one thing seems certain—the woman, now the only living one to tell the tale, is iron-nerved, and will fight to the end the very strong chain of proof of a circumstantial character that further investigation will, in all probability, bring to light, and under such conditions a forecast of the final verdict is as doubtful as her whole past history itself.

Booker Being Watched.

Magistrate McCarthy has not yet ordered a commission of inquiry into the case of the negro Julius Booker, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Perry, an aged white woman, living at No. 2083 East Broad Street, and it will be probably several days before the step is taken. The man is being closely observed by Dr. Gordon, the jail physician, as it is thought that he may have been under the influence of some drug or opiate at the time of his fateful assault.

Work for Young People.

At the Second Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock Mr. C. B. Horton, State secretary of the boys' work department of the Y. M. C. A., for the State of Pennsylvania, will be the speaker. The services will be interesting to people who are engaged in church and Y. M. C. A. work for young people, and no doubt will be largely attended. The Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil will preach at the morning service.



ROOM IN WHICH SCHNEIDER DIED

FLOTILLA TO START ON LONG VOYAGE

Six Torpedo Boat Destroyers to
Leave Norfolk To-Morrow
for the Pacific.

ARETHUSA AS SUPPLY SHIP

NORFOLK, VA., November 30.—Following several months of active preparation, the flotilla of six torpedo boat destroyers, which is to precede the Evans battleship squadron to the Pacific coast, is to-night practically in complete readiness for the start on its long voyage, which begins on Monday morning next.

The task of fitting out the vessels composing this flotilla has been the most important undertaking at this yard since the departure several years ago of the first torpedo flotilla, which made the long and successful voyage

to the Philippines, where the vessels are still stationed. While the trip of the first flotilla across the Atlantic and subsequently through the Indian and Pacific Oceans established the seaworthiness of the class of boats composing the flotilla about to start for the Pacific, the vessels are in no way designed for the carrying of provisions, etc., and the naval auxiliary Arethusa has been fitted out here and assigned as convoy and supply ship for the trip beginning Monday.

Plenty of Provisions.

The Arethusa carries provisions and supplies for a much longer period than is estimated will be required for the trip, and in her great hold propellers, rudders and supply machinery of all kinds that might be needed in an emergency by any of the boats. Besides the fact that the flotilla is to make a greater number of stops en route than the battleship squadron soon to follow, the vessels are so small that the speeding of them makes living most uncomfortable aboard, and for this reason they will take it along moderately slow so as to insure every possible comfort to the officers and men.

Lieutenant-Commander Hutchinson I. C. Cone, who commands the flotilla, was busy all of to-day aboard of his flagship, the Whipple, completing all unfinished details and final plans of departure. The flotilla, composed of the Whipple, Truxton, Lawrence, Stewart, Hopkins and Hull, will, upon their departure Monday, pass immediately out of the Virginia Capes, laying their course southward.

Ships Going to New York.

NORFOLK, VA., November 30.—The battleship Minnesota, which has been undergoing repairs at the Norfolk Navy Yard preparatory to the cruise to the Pacific, sailed this afternoon for the New York Navy Yard, where it is to be docked for the scraping and painting of her bottom. The battleship Kentucky, which has also been repairing here, will sail to-morrow morning for the Boston Navy Yard, also for docking, scraping and painting before the assembling of the fleet in Hampton Roads before sailing.

BURKE CASE GOES OVER

Absence of Important Witness Causes Postponement.

Owing to the absence of W. L. Carpenter, an important witness for the defense, in the case of the government against Frank P. Burke, who is charged with taking from the mails a letter containing \$250, Judge Waddill yesterday postponed the trial until January 27th.

The lawyers for both sides were in court when Judge Smith and John A. Lamb submitted a motion for a continuance of the case to be set for next Tuesday and the cases and jurors had been summoned. When the continuance was finally granted the bail bond of \$1,500 was renewed. Messrs. L. A. Stump and R. Lee Peters again became sureties.

The case of Hargrave, the former clergyman, who is charged with defrauding the government through the proceeds of which he mailed, also was over.

Distict-Attorney Lewis said the government was ready in the Burke case and he objected to such a long postponement, but Judge Waddill did not have an earlier date to spare if the case had to go over for more than a week.

For Home for Incubators.

Miss L. U. Plizer will serve at her house, No. 116 East Franklin Street, on Wednesday a special dinner, the proceeds of which will be given to the Home for Incubators. The affair is being arranged by Miss Plizer and the Misses Greaves, who have been particularly active in the support of the home. An attractive menu will be prepared for the dinner, which will be served at 4 P. M. and for which a reasonable charge will be made.

Enjoyable League Social.

The Episcopal League of St. James Methodist Church gave a very enjoyable social at the church on Friday night. President Methurson presented the program, which included choiced readings, songs and speeches, and an attentive committee of ladies served refreshments. The newly-organized prayer group, which has been holding for that in the Western District, the Rev. E. L. Rawlings was present and made a splendid address, as did the pastor, the Rev. E. F. Dudson.

Fraud Order Issued.

The United States post-office authorities have issued a "fraud order," which will prevent the circulation of a certain kind of circular, the proceeds of which will be given to the Home for Incubators. The "fraud" insurance concern, operated by one O. A. Wright, a negro, who is now being held for trial in the Western District of Virginia, charged with fraudulently using the mails, Wright had a smart scheme, and was "working" colored people in many sections of the State.

Cause of Delay.

Owing to the fact that there had been some delay in getting a new wheel for the Library elevator the machine is still out of commission. The wheel has been lost in transit, and is now being traced.

Kidnaped Is Held.

William Kalaschna (white) was in the Police Court yesterday morning, charged with having forged the name of J. W. Gilliam & Son to a check for \$5. The case was continued to December 4th. It is understood that there are other charges of forgery pending against the young man, who has been married but four weeks. He is detained by Detective-Sergeant McMahon

Christmas Merchandise is All Ready at Fourquareans

Again We Say Get the EARLY BUYING HABIT

It's the only surety against disappointment—against rush and worry—
BUY EARLY!

The store is turned over to the legions of gift makers. Stocks are all replenished with hosts of useful things that combine in themselves tastefulness, service and intrinsic worth—the real attributes of every desirable gift. There's short shift now between the buying and the giving, for Christmas is just twenty shopping days away. No need to put off longer—the plums of the display go to the early pickers. Why shouldn't that be you?

ELEGANT NEW FURS QUALITIES YOU CAN TRUST

Norisk here in buying Furs, no uncertainty, every piece is plainly marked with its real name—there is no masquerading. In every instance you are told just what Fur you buy, and we guarantee that you get the genuine Fur that you pay for.

Here are Real Mink Stoles, full length, very slightly and new, at \$10.
Mink Muffs to match stoles above, full size, pillow shape, at \$25.
Genuine Canadian Marten Muffs, \$40.
Neckpieces to match at \$18 to \$35.
Black Lynx Sets, Muffs and Stoles, real Lapsic dyed, at \$20.
Stoles, Stoles and Shoulder Pieces, all in furs of unquestioned merit, \$5 to \$50.
Muffs to match above pieces, \$5 to \$50.

NEW COMERS IN Women's Neckwear

All the Xmas Neck Fixings, are ready and on display. As dainty and Frenchy a lot as you ever had the pleasure of picking over. Most of them come neatly boxed.

Prices start at 25c each: exceptional choosing at

29c 50c 75c \$1

And others in beautiful variety at prices up to \$5.

Silk Kimonos, \$4.89 each to \$12

These are all silk, in newest models and charmingly effective patterns; light and dark shades.

Christmas Gloves PICKED FROM THE WORLD'S BEST

You could not buy them better if you gathered them in Grenoble yourself. None more perfect, none more correctly tinted, none more carefully made have yet been produced. At the prices we ask, you are offered THE WORLD'S BEST, absolutely and without a possibility of successful contradiction.

Every size, every coloring, every kind that is stylish is here. This hint for the men; there isn't a wearable you can be surer that a woman wants.

**Pick your Gift Gloves
now—be sure of sizes and
colorings. We'll deliver
when you wish and fit—
anytime after Xmas.**

An Elegant Showing of Evening Gloves

12-button Glace Mousetaifre, for instance; black, white, want, \$3.50
16-button Glace Mousetaifre
Gloves, Very Best, \$4.00
Lot of Elegant 8-button Gloves (black only), a real Glove bargain, at \$2.50

8-button Mousetaifre Gloves, in black, tan, russet, white; one of the best Glove values we have \$2.75
Ever seen: special at \$1.50
ENGLISH WALKING GLOVES of best selected Cape goat, Paris point backs, the best Glove that ever covered your hand, at \$1.50

Perrins Gauntlets

Stylish and very new; just the thing for driving; price, per pair \$3.75

Dressy Gloves, \$1.50

These are two-clasp, in all the best shades, also black and white.

Perrins Gloves

Two-clasp, all colors, black or white, elegant quality; per pair \$1.50

New Importation Handkerchiefs

Buy any grade Handkerchief you may like—if it comes from here it's all linen. We haven't any other kind.

For daintiness, beauty and broad variety this present showing is without a duplicate elsewhere.
500 patterns, in All-Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, big choice, 25c.

All-Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered wreath and initial in corner, 6 for \$1.
Lace-Trimmed Handkerchiefs of finest linen, mostly in real duchesse; no two of them alike, at 50c each to \$1.

Silk Petticoats

There's a wealth of rustle and satisfaction for the dressy woman in one of these.

Then, in the styles, of good heavy taffeta, black or colors.

A Fine, Heavy, Durable Silk Petticoat at \$5.
Others at \$6, \$7 and \$8.
Black and Tan Silk Petticoats at \$9 to \$10.

Toys from Toyville!

We have just opened up the largest stock of Toys, Dolls, Doll Carriages, Wagons, Velocipedes, Tricycles and Track Trains ever received from the great manufacturing town of Toyville and we invite everyone to come and see the great display at our

Main Street Store

Dolls

Our line comprises dressed kid-body, jointed, celluloid, the kind that sleeps, and those with real hair and, in fact, every kind of doll in the doll kingdom.

Track Trains

We have them at from 50c up to, well, almost any price. Now is a chance for you to make your son a railroad president.

Doll Carriages

A large variety to select from, and at an equally large range of prices.

Toys

All the newest things in toys, goods that have never been shown before on this side of the Atlantic, and at prices ranging from 5c to \$30.

Wheel Toys

Such as Automobiles, Irish Mills, Farm Wagons, Express Wagons, Velocipedes and Tricycles, with rubber tires, and many other articles that make the children happy.

Our Special Counters

Of 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$2 goods are marvels, they are the most popular counters in the store, and are well worth any one's time to come and see, for you certainly will be repaid.

Specials in American Cut Glass

Cut Glass Pitchers, 3 pint, \$5.00.
Cut Glass Footed Bon-Bon, \$3.00.
Cut Glass Decanters, \$5.00.
Cut Glass Jug, 2 pint, \$3.50.
Cut Glass 8-inch Flat Bowl, \$3.00.
Cut Glass 7-inch Flat Bowl, \$2.25.
Cut Glass Tumblers, 25c.
Cut Glass Nappies, 87c.
Cut Glass Bon-Bons, different cuttings, \$1.85.

Holiday and Wedding Gifts

If you are looking for either holiday or wedding gifts we can show you the latest creations in English and French China, German Bric-a-Brac, English Rock Crystal Cut Glass, American Cut Glass, Brass Goods, Electroliers, Gas Reading Lamps, Sterling Silver and Silver-Plated Goods.

The Demonstration

Of the "Savory" Roaster will be continued this week. No housekeeper should be without this useful kitchen article.

The E. B. Taylor Co.,

1011 EAST MAIN STREET

OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE

TO GET ALL SCHOOLS TO WORK TOGETHER

North Carolina Educators Seeking to Bring About More
Heartly Co-operation.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., November 30.—There was a special session of the committee of prominent educators of the State to-day for several hours in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction considering and making of securing better co-operation of the facilities of all the high and preparatory schools in the State in following the course of studies promulgated some months ago by the committee in preparing students to enter any and all of the colleges and the State University. State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner presided, and others participating in the conference were M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina; Professor W. M. Walker, University of North Carolina; President W. L. Poter, Wake Forest College; Dr. Pascal, Wake Forest; President H. L. Smith, of Davidson College; E. C. Brooks, Trinity College; Professor Matheson, of the Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro; a committee is very hopeful of bringing about very soon a thorough co-operation among the preparatory schools.

Three new libraries for rural public

"A VOICE FROM THE SOUTH." The letter, while gratifying, is purely voluntary.

Mr. George D. Witt, President George D. Witt Shoe Company, Lynchburg, Va.

"Dear Sir:—Wish to say that in the seven years' time we have never had a dissatisfied customer who bought shoes of your own make. In the seven years of your own make, I have never seen a pair of Dixie Girl shoes that did not give absolute satisfaction; one pair always sells others. We have customers who will not wear anything else. I consider it after seven years' testing, the best shoe I ever saw for the money; in fact, we are handling two grades of shoes from other concerns that cost more and are not half so good. By recent test we are sure that this statement is right. This time we expect to buy for spring more Dixie Girl shoes than we have ever bought, because they merit our order, which we expect to give you Mr. G. R. Mitchell when we buy spring goods."

With best wishes for your success, I am, Yours very truly,
(Signed) "GEORGE D. WITT."
"Buyer and Manager for G. W. Poter's Clothing and Shoe Department, Grand Case, Va."

The "Dixie Girl" shoe received the gold medal award at the Jamestown Exposition, including "Witts' \$500 Shoe."

"America," "Jefferson," "Clankman," "Dixie," "Ward," "Wittonia," "Dixie Girl," and "Ward's" are the brands of shoes that have made Lynchburg famous as a shoe market.

BODY RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Negro Identified as Mrs. Ellis's Assassin and Is Shot to Pieces.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., November 30.—A special to the Advertiser from Opp, Ala., says: "Neal Dandery, a young negro, was shot to death near here this afternoon by an angry crowd of Covington county citizens, after he had been identified by Mrs. Ellis, a farmer's wife, who claimed he criminally assaulted her to-day. About 300 shots were fired into the negro's body, and afterwards a rope was tied around his neck and the body tied to the back of a buggy and dragged through the streets of Opp and through the negro settlement of the town."

Mrs. Ellis and Miss Sorrell, a fourteen-year-old girl, were held up by a negro who shot at them as they were returning to their home from Opp, where they had been shopping during the morning. The girl made her escape, but Mrs. Ellis was assaulted. Miss Sorrell gave the alarm and a posse was formed, and Dandery was captured at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The sheriff started from Andalusia, the county seat, in an automobile, but arrived on the scene too late to prevent the lynching.

FORMER TREASURER WALKER
NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT
RICHMOND, IND., Nov. 30.—John P. Walker, former city and county treasurer, charged with embezzlement of over \$50,000 of county funds, was acquitted last night. Walker contended that he had no felonious intent and expected to realize sufficient on loans to pay off his debts. He is a cripple, his legs having been cut off above his knees in a railroad accident.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK.
Governor Glenn has accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, at Washington, December 4th to 6th. The invitation came yesterday from President Joseph B. Ransdell, of the congress. The exact time for the address by North Carolina's Governor has not yet been agreed on.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler are in Raleigh for a few days, guests in the home of Mrs. Flagler's uncle, Colonel Thomas S. Kenan. They are en route to Florida, and will stop for the night at Wilmington to visit Mrs. Flagler's mother.

Attorney-General Robert D. Glimmer is in Raleigh again, after a stay of several months at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He is much improved in health. He is not able, however, to take up the official duties of Attorney-General, which have been performed in his absence by Assistant Attorney-General Hayden Clement.

HEAVY WEEK'S WORK.
Council Will Hold Session To-Morrow Night.

There is plenty of work mapped out for Councilmen this week, but most of it is scheduled for to-morrow and Tuesday. The Common Council and the following committees will meet to-morrow night: Local Assessments, 7:30; Police, 7:30; The Committee on Cemeteries will meet at noon to-morrow.

Here is the schedule for Tuesday: Marine Light, 8 o'clock; Building Commission, 8 o'clock; Improvement and Street Cleaning. The most important matter before the Council will be the Dabney ordinance to reduce the number of bar-rooms in the city and to raise the license tax. It is notable that this may go over into a future meeting, owing to the fact that the calendar is heavy.

Mrs. Jones Is Ill.
Mrs. J. R. Jones, a daughter of Commissioner Agriculture George W. Kolmer, is ill at her father's home, No. 1204 Floyd Avenue. Mrs. Jones has been married only a few months. She recently underwent an operation, and has since been in a serious condition.

Becoming Citizens.

There is a great rush among foreigners in Richmond to become naturalized citizens. The United States Court, in keeping busy for some time nearly every day preparing papers, has been expected to take the day stop by declaring their intentions.

Instant Relief, Permanent Cure—Trial Package Mailed Free to All in Plain Wrapper.

Piles is a fearful disease, but easy to cure if you go at it right. An operation with the knife is dangerous, cruel, humiliating and unnecessary.

There is just one other sure way to be cured—painless, safe and in the privacy of your own home—it is Pyramid Pile Cure.

We mail a trial package free to all who will write.

It will give you instant relief, show you the harmless, painless nature of this great remedy, and start you well on the way toward a perfect cure.

Then you can get a full-sized box from any druggist for 50 cents, and often one box cures.

Insist on having what you call for. If the druggist tries to sell you something just as good, it is because he makes more money on the substitute.

The cure begins at once and continues rapidly until it is complete and permanent.

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